First Union Rail Corporation

One O'Hare Center 6250 River Road, Suite 5000 Rosemont, Illinois 60018 847 318-7575



VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Surface Transportation Board Attn: Jan Fort 1925 K Street, N.W. Room 704 Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re:

Memorandum of Lease Agreement

Dear Ms. Fort:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301 (a) are two (2) originals and two (2) copies of a Memorandum of Lease Agreement, May 14, 1997, a primary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents. The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

August 7, 1997

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Lessor:

First Union Rail Corporation

One O'Hare Center

6250 River Road, Suite 5000

Rosemont, IL 60018

Lessee:

Alaska Railroad Company

327 Ship Creek Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501

A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document is set forth on Exhibit A, as attached to such Memorandum.

Please use the credit of \$24.00 for the recordation fee per my letter of July 28, 1997, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference. Kindly return one (1) stamped original of the enclosed document to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Dombrowski

Manager-Documentation

Enclosures

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ASSIGN: ARR001

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Memorandum of Lease

THIS MEMORANDUM OF LEASE (the "Memorandum") is made and entered into as of this the 14th day of May, 1997, by and between First Union Rail Corporation ("Lessor"), a North Carolina corporation, and Alaska Railroad Corporation ("Lessee").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned Lessor and Lessee have entered into that certain Lease Agreement, dated as of May 14, 1997, whereby Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee certain railcars being described in more particular on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of the date set forth above and subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of said Lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this Memorandum to be duly executed under seal by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

LESSOR:

FIRST UNION RAIL CORPORATION

ATTEST:

Name: John J. Thomas

Title: 1051dont

Name: Michelle Berg

Title: OFFICE Manager

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Executed on this 4 day of 100e, 1997.

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| I,, a Notary Public in and for said state and county, certify that, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his due execution of the foregoing Memorandum of Lease. |
| WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 4^{+1} day of 1997 . |
| Michelle Berg Notary Public |

My Commission Expires:

MICHELLE BERG
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:07/18/98

ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION ATTEST: By:____ Name: Executed on this 23 day of 1997. Title: [CORPORATE SEAL] STATE OF Market COUNTY OF CINCLOLAGE _____, a Notary Public in and for said state and county, certify that **Rollet Honzall2** personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged his due execution of the foregoing Memorandum of Lease Agreement. WITNESS my hand and official stamp or seal, this 23 day of may 1997. Cheryl A Sauth Notary Public My Commission Expires: (Notary Public)

LESSEE:

EXHIBIT A to Memorandum of Lease

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